

# Are you ReadyNC? ... for Old Man Winter

## Know the Terms

Planning ahead helps to keep your family safe. Know the terms, so you know what to expect and what to do.

- **Watch:** severe winter conditions *could* occur but don't know when.
- **Warning:** 4+ inches of snow or sleet is expected within 12 hours. Be prepared for possible power outages or roads made impassable by snow or ice.
- **Advisories:** winter weather conditions are expected to cause delays and problems.

## Get ReadyNC!



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Plan. Prepare. Stay Informed.

## Be Prepared! Follow These Winter Safety Tips

- Keep alternative heating sources prepared. Keep fire extinguishers on hand. Be sure your family knows how to use them.
- Use a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather radio. Monitor it for changing weather conditions.
- Dress warmly. Wear multiple layers of thin clothing instead of a single layer of thick clothing to stay warm. Wear hats, gloves, scarves and heavy coats.
- Properly vent kerosene heaters and keep any electric generators OUTSIDE and away from any open windows or doors to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. Do not burn charcoal indoors.
- Keep fresh batteries on hand to use with flashlights and weather radios.
- Always keep at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food in your home.

## Drive Safely

- If you must travel during a winter storm, keep an emergency kit in your vehicle.
- If driving on snow- or ice-covered roadways, reduce your speed. Leave plenty of room between you and other vehicles.
- If conditions worsen and you can no longer drive safely, pull off the highway.
  - Do not set out on foot unless you can see a building close by where you know you can take shelter.
  - Stay calm and remain in your vehicle.

